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SUBJECT: JAPAN LEANING TOWARDS CO-SPONSORING, WANTS TO
ATTEND AUGUST 27 MEETING BEFORE COMMITTING

REF: A. STATE 129063

- [1](#)B. WALLACE 11 AUGUST EMAIL
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- [1](#)E. CLAPPER 16 AUGUST EMAIL
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[1](#)1. ESToff and DOE Attach on August 11, 2006 met with MOFA International Nuclear Energy Cooperation Division Deputy Director Takayuki Kitagawa and desk officer Toshio Kaneko, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology International Nuclear Energy Cooperation Division Director Shunsuke Sato, and Naotaka Shimizu from the Cabinet Office's Secretariat of the Atomic Energy Commission to discuss Japan funding a portion of the December 2006 IAEA workshop on nuclear energy infrastructure. Although Japan is very interested in the aims of the workshop, the GOJ would not be able to commit to funding the workshop until a number of questions had been resolved, according to Kitagawa (reftels B and C). Kitagawa added that the largest hurdle to funding the workshop was the short timeframe presented by the request and speculated that Japan would not be able to contribute any funds on such short notice.

[1](#)2. ESToff followed up with Kitagawa on August 16, 2006 and together reviewed the answers provided to his questions (reftels D, E, and F). Kitagawa told ESToff that although obtaining funding would be difficult, the Cabinet Office's Secretariat of the Atomic Energy Commission was positive

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about Japan's participation. Japan would like to attend informally the August 27 meeting in Vienna and then make a final decision on whether or not to contribute. (NOTE: Kitagawa earlier on August 16 had told ESToff that Japan would not cosponsor the meeting. The change of position suggestQN&3QQR6Q'END NOTE.)
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